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### Act II

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**JEANNE MOORE, Production Manager**

Tonight's Production Manager, Jeanne Moore, entered Ursinus after serving a tour of duty with the Marine Corps in an administrative capacity. Her varied contributions to the Club have included business, publicity, programs, staging, make-up, properties, and costume committees. In addition Jeanne was director of "The Apollo of Bellac", was on the play-reading committee which chose "The Mad Woman of Chaillot", and is a member of Stars and Players. Jeanne has been active in other campus activities, being co-business manager of the Lantern, in the Student-Faculty show and getting publicity for the Campus Chest—a busy girl!

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**ANN LEGER, *Page***

Ann Leger, in the fatiguing and invaluable role of Page for our play tonight, is as well-known for her services to the Ursinus campus as to the Curtain Club. Among other activities Ann has served as Secretary-treasurer of the International Relations Club, has been active in the French and Debating Clubs, Messiah Chorus and Alpha Sigma Nu Sorority and Tau Kappa Alpha. Next year Ann will be Associate Feature Editor of the WEEKLY and co-chairman of the World Relatedness Commission of the Y. The Curtain Club is indebted to Ann for her past services on the costume and publicity committees. All members of the cast and the producers, too, of course, wish to give Ann a big hand for her fine job.

**MARY ELLEN SEYLER, *Prompter***

Mary Ellen Seyler, a sophomore psychology major, is Prompter for tonight's production. Mary Ellen began her services to the Curtain Club in the cast of THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT and has proven to be an invaluable addition. Mary Ellen is also active in Meistersingers, Lantern and Weekly staffs, and Alpha Sigma Nu Sorority. The cast just hope they won't need her ready and able services tonight.

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## THE CAST

### **PETE BOOKE — Jack Chesney**

An import from Albany State Teachers College, Pete came to Ursinus this February. He made his first appearance on the stage here in *Apollo of Bellac*. Since then he appeared in an Easter dramatic reading, *The Terrible Meek*. Pete hails from Rockville, Long Island and is a pre-theology student. The possessor of musical talent as well, he is a member of the Meistersingers.

### **BOB BENSON — Brassett**

This is Bob's first appearance on the Ursinus stage although he had acting experience in high school appearing in several plays such as *The Enchanted Cottage*. He helped with the staging for the *Student-Faculty Show*. A chemistry major, Bob spends the rest of his spare time by actively participating in the Bearwood Chemical Society and Alpha Phi Omega.

### **FRANK BROWN — Charley Wykeham**

A member of this year's graduating class, Frank has previously appeared on the Ursinus stage in *All My Sons* and *The Night of January 16th*. He is president of the Curtain Club and past secretary-treasurer of Alpha Psi Omega. Outside dramatics, a member of Beta Sigma Lambda fraternity, and the Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society, Frank plans to enter Hahnemann Medical School in the fall.

### **TOM BENNIGNUS — Lord Fancourt Babberley**

Tom is well known around campus for his singing ability as displayed by his role as the Student Prince in the *Student-Faculty Show*, tenor soloist in the Meistersingers and a member of the Messiah Chorus. Tom is a member of the Y Cabinet, sophomore executive committee, Alpha Phi Omega, and news editor of the *Weekly*. Tonight is Tom's debut on the Ursinus stage. Best of luck.

### **MARTIE YERKES — Ketty Verdun**

Martie is a member of the class of '59. She has been active in the Curtain Club since coming to Ursinus. Martie enjoys singing and is a member of the Meistersingers and the Messiah Chorus. She also took an active part in the *Student-Faculty Show*.



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## THE CAST

### **MERLE SYVERTSON — Amy Spettigue**

Tonight is Merle's debut on the Ursinus stage. Even though she is a new arrival to the stage Merle has not been idle in campus affairs. Her activities include the hockey and swimming teams, manager of the JV tennis team, May Day, and Phi Alpha Psi sorority. Merle is a member of the Meistersingers, Messiah Chorus, and participated in the W. A. A. Show.

### **DICK HECTOR — Colonel Sir Francis Chesney**

Dick is an active member of Curtain Club and has earned membership in Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic fraternity. He has been seen previously in *The Night of January 16th* and *The Madwoman of Chaillot* since his return to our campus from the Army. Dick is very active in other campus activities; he is a member of Delta Pi Sigma fraternity, the French Club, and the Varsity Debating Team.

### **DICK HUMMEL — Stephen Spettigue**

Dick first appeared on the Ursinus stage as a broker in *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. He is an active member of the junior class and recently elected president of Zeta Chi fraternity. Dick was also the master of ceremonies for the 1956 *Student-Faculty Show*.

### **BOBBE HUNT — Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez**

Active in dramatics and other activities at Ursinus, Bobbe has already been seen in *My Three Angels*. Her other Curtain Club activities include —co-director of the group production *The Monkey's Paw*, co-chairman of publicity for *The Night of January 16th*, and to crown these, secretary of Alpha Psi Omega. Bobbe's other interests on campus are the *Weekly*, the *Lantern*, *May Day*, *Student-Faculty Show*, and the *Messiah Chorus*.

### **VAL CROSS — Ela Delahay**

Although Val is a freshman she is not a newcomer to the Ursinus stage. She has been active in Curtain Club, acting in the major production *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. Val has also displayed her talent in the *Student-Faculty Show*. Her other interests on campus include the Spirit Committee and *May Day*.

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## TONIGHT'S COMMITTEE HEADS



Gayle Auchenbach, Pat Condon, Bob Ross, Neil  
Kyde.

### **GAYLE AUCHENBACH — Tickets**

Although this is Gayle's first try as Chairman of the Ticket Committee, last fall she was Chairman of the Make-Up Committee for "THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT" and served on the Property Committee. Gayle, a biology major from West Lawn, is a member of the Pre-Med Society and the Messiah Chorus, and is the recently elected vice-president of Kappa Delta Kappa Sorority for next year.

### **GWENN BREAM — Program Committee**

Gwenn, who is in charge of tonight's program, did her first major work as chairman of the Properties Committee for "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER". She has portrayed the part of Magda Svenson, a Swedish maid, in "THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th". Secretary of the Curtain Club, she was initiated into Alpha Psi Omega this fall and took part in the television play, "VANITY FAIR", which the group presented. A physical education major from Gettysburg, Gwenn is treasurer of Phi Alpha Psi Sorority and has accepted the chairmanship of the Grounds Committee for May Day.



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## TONIGHT'S COMMITTEE HEADS

### **PAT CONDON — Properties Committee**

Pat was also chairman of the Property Committee for "MY THREE ANGELS", and in her sophomore year played the part of Sarah in "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER". She has worked on staging and "props" and was on the play-reading committee for "THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT". Pat is active in Alpha Psi Omega, vice-president of Kappa Delta Kappa Sorority, vice-president of Beardwood, and president of South Dorm.

### **NEIL KYDE — Business Committee**

Neil took on a big job as chairman of the Business Committee, for this chairman is responsible for the financing of the play. He has been seen in "THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th" and "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER". A business administration major from Springfield, Neil is a member of the tennis team and proctor of Brodbeck Dorm.

### **RUTH PETRAITIS — Make-Up**

A sophomore transfer student from Chestnut Hill, Ruth did her first work for the Curtain Club in the role of Mme. Constance in last fall's production of "THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT". She is a chemistry major and is serving on the Publicity and Costume Committees for "CHARLEY'S AUNT". Her other activities include drum majorette for the band and committee work on costumes for May Day.

### **BOB ROSS — Publicity Committee**

Once again Bob has taken on a big job as chairman of the Publicity Committee for "CHARLEY'S AUNT". For committee work on group as well as major productions he has earned the rank of "Star" in the Curtain Club. He has done cover design for the past four productions and was chairman of the Staging Committee for "THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th". Bob also headed the Publicity Committee for "MY THREE ANGELS" last spring.

### **WES SCHWEMMER — Costume Committee**

Wes has done much committee work for the Curtain Club, including staging for "MY THREE ANGELS" and serving as chairman of the Costume Committee for "THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT". A history major from Philadelphia, Wes is active in Kappa Delta Sorority, International Relations Club, and F. T. A.



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## BEHIND THE SCENES



### BUSINESS AND TICKETS

Financing the play is the job of the Business Committee. Selling ads and managing the money are some of the problems which confront this group led by Neil Kyde, '56, with Dave Heyser, '56, Carolyn Carpenter, '59, Becky Francis, '58, Diana Vye, '59, and George Budd, '57. The Ticket Committee is concerned with getting the tickets printed and sold, and arranging the seating. Gayle Auchenbach, '57, heads the group, assisted by Jeanne Moore, '57, and Marilyn Keubler, '57.

### COSTUMES AND MAKE-UP

Searching for costumes and getting them into shape requires a great deal of time and patience. Wes Schwemmer, '57, chairman of the committee, has had considerable experience in this line, and was assisted by Audrey Cale, '57, Marge Stuba, '58, Ruth Petraitis, '58, Mary Gotshalk, '58, Loretta Marsella, '58, and Joey von Koppenfels, '58. Make-up committee is headed by Ruth Petraitis, '58, with Loretta Marsella, '58, Carol Robacker, '59, Ruth Ervin, '59, Angie McKey, '58, Millie Hartzell, '59, Carol Schreiner, '59, Ruth Mercer, '59, and Gayle Auchenbach, '57.



### PROGRAM

Writing interviews, gathering members of the various committees together for pictures, making a layout, and counting words, are but some of the many problems faced by the Program Committee headed by Gwenn Bream, '56, with Jane Hulton Smith, '56, Audrey Hahnel, '55, Janet E. Pratt, '56, Bob Ross, '57, and Helen Ames, '58.

Credited with tonight's cover is Bob Ross, '57.



## BEHIND THE SCENES



### PROPERTIES

The Property Committee faces the difficult task of acquiring the many "props" necessary for this play. Once again Pat Condon, '56, heads the group consisting of Joan Clement, '57, Joan Bradley, '57, Shirley Davis, '56, Carol Schreiner, '59, Margaret Skinner, '59, and Marlette Allen, '56.

### PUBLICITY

The work of the Publicity Committee consists of making posters, writing letters and newspaper articles, and doing everything possible to arouse interest for the play. Once again, Bob Ross, '57, capably heads this group, assisted by Merle Syvertsen, '58, Ann Leger, '58, Barbara De George, '59, Joan Schaefer, '59, Shirley Davis, '56, Carol Robacker, '59, Ken Gray, '58, Marge Struth, '57, Dick Goldberg, '58, Laura Loney, '59, Val Cross, '59, Marion Yerkes, '59, Don Todd, '58, and Jeanne Moore, '57.



### STAGING

An important factor in the success of any play is the Staging. Without the proper setting the effect of the production is often lost. The result of their efforts can be seen as the curtain goes up. Hats off to chairman Angie McKey, '58, and her committee composed of Jim Terry, '59, Bob Ross, '57, Shirley Davis, '56, Peggy Follet, '59, and Bev Glodfelter, '58.



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## THIS YEAR WITH THE CURTAIN CLUB

The Ursinus Curtain Club completes activity for another year with tonight's performance. Three productions have been given: "THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT", by Jean Giraudoux was the Fall play and in January the stage of Bomberger was the scene of another of Giraudoux's gems, "THE APOLLO OF BELLAC", a one-acter. The third is tonight's production of "CHARLEY'S AUNT", by Brandon Thomas.

In addition to the above the members of Alpha Psi Omega, the local chapter of the national honorary dramatic fraternity, presented a cutting from "VANITY FAIR", by Thackeray, for Classroom Playhouse over WFIL-TV. Included in the cast were the most recently initiated candidates: Gwenn Bream and Pat Condon, also Dick Hector and Frank Brown.

Far from limiting themselves, the club members participated in the many activities sponsored by various fellow organizations, which included this year the successful and original Varsity and Student-Faculty Shows.

Curtain Clubbers are distinct in one respect only—their enthusiasm is not limited to greasepaint and footlights, for this group of Ursinusites is found in the Meistersingers, the Band, on the athletic fields, and on the journalistic staffs. They are also active class members and active Greeks. In short, they fulfill the qualifications of Ursinus as handed down to them by tradition. They are also rather good showmen. You decide for yourself!

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